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### Federal Legislative Activities - Week of February 3, 2014

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of February 3, 2014 below.

### **Congressional Hearings**

## Tuesday, February 4th

10 a.m. House Committee on Education and Workforce Committee Hearing: *Early Childhood Education and Care* 

10 a.m. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Nominations for the Department of the Interior

10 a.m. Committee on Environment and Public Works Hearing: Water and Wildlife, Examine the safety and security of drinking water supplies

10:15 a.m. House Committee on Ways and Means: Markup of

<u>H.R. 2575</u> – Save American Workers Act of 2013 - This measure repeals the 30-hour threshold for classification as full-time employees under the Affordable Care Act and replaces it with 40 hours.

<u>H.R. 3979</u> – *Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act* – This measure ensures that emergency volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirement contained in the Affordable Care Act.

10:30 a.m. Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Hearing: Nominations

3 p.m. House Committee on Foreign Relations Hearing: Nominations

## Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. House Energy and Commerce Committee: *Protecting Consumer Privacy: Can Data Breaches Be Prevented?* View the live webcast <a href="here">here</a> and background memo <a href="here">here</a>.

10 a.m. Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook.

10 a.m. Education and Workforce Committee: *The Foundation for Success: Discussing Early Childhood Education and Care in America.* Chairman Kline said, "With 45 federal programs tied to early childhood development and a \$13 billion annual taxpayer investment, we owe it to the American people to examine the strengths and weaknesses of current initiatives before crafting new ones. Next week's hearing will provide an opportunity to come together to discuss ways we can ensure existing federal efforts to support our youngest children and their families are working effectively and getting positive results." View the live webcast here.

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10 a.m. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee: *The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012: Two Years Later.* View the live webcast <u>here</u>.

2 p.m. House Committee on Natural Resources Hearing: *Energy in America: BLM's Red-Tape Run Around and its Impact on American Energy Production* 

## Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Hearing: Oregon and California Land Grant Act

1 p.m. USDOT National Freight Advisory Committee Webinar Meeting

### **House Floor Schedule**

### Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

The House will meet at 2 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m. Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

H.R. 1791 - Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act - authorizes the use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities, including the development and maintenance of an initial pharmaceutical stockpile, medical kits, and diagnostics sufficient to protect against a chemical or biological event.

H.R. 357 - GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013 – This legislation, among other things, makes eligible under VA homeless veterans reintegration program those homeless veterans who are: (1) participating in the VA supported housing program for which rental assistance is provided under the United States Housing Act of 1937, and (2) veterans who are transitioning from being incarcerated.

## Tuesday, February 4th & Wednesday, February 5th

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the House will meet at 12 p.m. for legislative business.

H.R. 3590 - Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2013 – This legislation includes language to urge the Chief of the Forest Service and the Director of BLM to cooperate with state and local authorities to carry out waste removal and other activities on federal land used as a public target range to encourage its continued use for target practice or marksmanship training and requires the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA), for any film crew of five persons or fewer, to require a permit and assess an annual fee of \$200 for commercial filming activities or similar projects on federal land and waterways.

H.R. 3964 - Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act

### **Senate Floor Schedule**

### Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

2 p.m. Convene and resume consideration of the conference report to accompany <u>H.R.2642</u>, the Farm Bill